New trains between Jabalpur-Raipur and Jabalpur-Bhopal

†3439. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start new trains between Jabalpur-Raipur and Jabalpur- Bhopal;

(b) if so by when these trains are likely to be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Introduction of Habibganj (Suburb of Bhopal)-Jabalpur Jan Shatabdi Express, extension of 1269/1270 Rajkot-Bhopal Express upto Jabalpur *via* Bina-Katni on two days a week and increase in the frequency of 1463/1464 Rajkot-Bhopal-Jabalpur Express from four days to five days a week (by extending 1269/1270 Rajkot-Bhopal Express to Jabalpur *via* Itarsi once a week) have been included in the Railway Budget 2002-2003.

Introduction of a train between Jabalpur and Raipur is not feasible due to limited resources and operational constraints at present.

Appointments in Railway Board and Railway Ministry

†3440. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether such members have been appointed in the Railway Board who have been found guilty in certain cases by the CBI;

(b) whether such persons have been appointed in the Ministry of Railways on important posts as are related to a member of the Railway Board and have been charge-sheeted for money laundering;

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, the basis of these appointments; and

(d) whether Government propose to cancel these appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only those Officers as are clear from Vigilance/Discipline and Appeal Rules angle are considered for such appointments.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

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